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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the proposed resource requirements for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014 for the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic, amounting to $1,476,100 (net of staff assessment).

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I. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic

($1,476,100)

Background, mandate and objective

1. The Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic was established by the Security Council in its resolution 2127 (2013), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to create, for an initial period of 13 months, a group of up to five experts under the direction of the Committee established in the same resolution to monitor an arms embargo. The mandate of the Panel was further extended to 28 January 2015 by resolution 2134 (2014), in which the Council adopted additional targeted measures. As a result of both resolutions, the sanctions regime that the Panel will monitor consists of an arms embargo, which prevents the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to the Central African Republic of arms and related materiel, an assets freeze and a travel ban. The mandate of the Panel is as follows:

(a) To assist the Committee in carrying out its mandate as specified in resolutions 2127 (2013) and 2134 (2014), including by providing the Committee with information relevant to the designation of individuals and entities that may be engaging in the activities described in paragraphs 36 and 37 of resolution 2134 (2014);

(b) To gather, examine and analyse information from States, relevant United Nations bodies, regional organizations and other interested parties regarding the implementation of the measures decided in resolution 2127 (2013), in particular incidents of non-compliance;

(c) To provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, an update no later than 5 March 2014, an interim report by 5 July 2014 and a final report no later than 5 November 2014;

(d) To assist the Committee in refining and updating information on the list of individuals violating measures imposed by paragraph 54 of resolution 2127 (2013), including through the provision of biometric information and additional information for the publicly available narrative summary of reasons for listing, and measures contained in paragraphs 30 and 32 of resolution 2134 (2014).

Cooperation with other entities

2. In carrying out its mandate, in addition to seeking the cooperation and assistance of Member States, the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic is expected to seek the cooperation and assistance of regional and economic organizations, such as the African Union, the European Union and the Economic Community of Central African States; relevant operations in the field such as the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic, the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic and the African Union Regional Task Force; as well as other relevant sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels.

Planning assumptions for 2014

3. It is anticipated that the Panel will carry out its mandated activities, in particular by monitoring the implementation of the relevant measures specified in resolutions 2127 (2013) and 2134 (2014). The Panel will collect information on and monitor the implementation by States of the measures imposed by the Security Council. Subject to the security situation, the Panel is expected to conduct extensive field work and on-site investigation of alleged violations and make recommendations thereon. The Panel is also expected to submit to the Council an update and an interim and a final report on its activities that would include specific recommendations.

4. The Panel, to be based in New York, will be supported by a Political Affairs Officer (P-3) and a Research Assistant (General Service (Other level)).

5. The objective, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures of the Panel are set out in the table below.

Objective, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective: To ensure the full implementation of the sanctions measures contained in Security Council resolutions 2127 (2013) and 2134 (2014) pertaining to the Central African Republic

Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of the Security Council to take follow-up action on alleged violations	(a) (i) Number of official communications from the Committee to States and other entities on alleged violations cited by the Panel *Performance measures* Target 2014: 15 (ii) Number of bilateral meetings between the Chair of the Committee and concerned States to follow up on the Panel's report *Performance measures* Target 2014: 7

Outputs

- Reports to the Security Council (3)
- Briefing to the Committee (3)
- Progress reports to the Committee (7)
- Investigation reports to the Committee on the violations or the implementation of the Security Council's sanctions measures (2)

Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
(b) Enhanced capacity of the Security Council to adjust the sanctions regime	(b) (i) Number of recommendations made by the Panel agreed upon by the Committee *Performance measures* Target 2014: 10 (ii) Number of recommendations made by the Panel incorporated by the Security Council in subsequent resolutions *Performance measures* Target 2014: 2

Outputs

- Recommendations to the Committee on actions aimed at promoting or modifying the sanctions regime (2)
- Recommendations concerning new individuals or entities to be listed (10)

Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
(c) Improved compliance by States and other entities with the sanctions measures	(c) (i) Number of communications from States and other entities on compliance-related issues *Performance measures* Target 2014: 48 (ii) Number of communications from States and other entities seeking advice on ways to comply with the measures *Performance measures* Target 2014: 14

Outputs

- Communications from the Panel to States and other entities requesting information relating to compliance with the sanctions measures (50)
- Investigations by the Panel of Experts into possible violations of the measures by States and other entities (10)

External factors

6. The objective would be achieved on the assumption that States comply with the resolutions of the Security Council and cooperate with the Panel of Experts and provided that the investigations of the Panel are not hindered.

Resource requirements (regular budget)

Financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2012-2013			Requirements for 2014		Total requirements for 2013	Variance, 2013-2014
	Appropriation	Estimated expenditure	Variance	Total	Non-recurrent		
Category	(1)	(2)	(3)=(1)-(2)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(4)-(6)
Civilian personnel costs	–	–	–	183.7	–	–	183.7
Operational costs	–	–	–	1 292.4	26.6	–	1 292.4
Total	–	–	–	**1 476.1**	**26.6**	–	**1 476.1**

Positions

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories			National staff			
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Security Service	General Service	Total international	National Officer	Local level	United Nations Volunteers	Total
Approved 2013	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Proposed 2014	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	2
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	**1**	–	–	–	**1**	**2**	–	–	–	**2**

7. It is proposed that a position of Political Affairs Officer (P-3) be created to provide substantive advice and support to the experts by conducting research; gathering, selecting and analysing information relevant to the work of the Panel; maintaining an up-to-date knowledge of events relating to political and military issues in the region of central Africa; and serving as a focal point for the drafting of the reports of the Panel to the Committee. It is also proposed that a position of Research Assistant (General Service (Other level)) be created to provide research and administrative support to the Panel.

8. The estimated requirements for 2014 would amount to $1,476,100 (net of staff assessment). That amount would provide for salaries and common staff costs for two positions (1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)) to provide substantive and administrative support to the experts of the Panel ($183,700); fees ($500,000) and official travel ($629,800) of the five members of the Panel; official travel of staff ($40,300); and other operational and logistical support requirements, such as rental of premises, rental of vehicles, communications, information technology equipment and maintenance and miscellaneous supplies and services ($122,300).

9. Pending the preparation and submission of the present budget proposal, the initial requirements of the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic are being met through a commitment authority of the Secretary-General in the amount of $846,500 under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 68/249 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2014-2015, which will be reversed following the decision of the Assembly on the present report.

Extrabudgetary resources

10. No extrabudgetary resources are projected for the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic for 2014.

II. Action required of the General Assembly

11. **The General Assembly is requested:**

(a) **To approve the budget in the amount of $1,476,100 (net of staff assessment) for the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic for the period to December 2014;**

(b) **To approve a charge totalling $1,476,100, net of staff assessment, against the provision for special political missions approved under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.**